

# CONSERVATION RESERVE PROGRAM CRITICAL FEED USE HAYING PLAN



Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) – Minnesota

6/08

## **WHAT IS CRITICAL FEED USE - HAYING?**

This activity is considered a permissive use of the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) contract acres and is approved only for 2008.

### **Eligible Acreage**

- CRP haying activities apply only to practices CP-1, CP-2, CP-4B, CP4D, CP-10, CP-18 B and C.
- Practice acreage is eligible for this activity 12 months after the cover is fully established.

### **Ineligible Acreage**

- Acres planted to trees in CP4B and CP4D cannot be hayed.
- Land within 120 feet of a stream or water body.

**Participants are responsible for not haying ineligible acres. If you are uncertain of ineligible acres ask for NRCS to designate these areas on a map.**

## **REQUIREMENTS FOR HAYING**

- Haying shall be limited to one cutting.
- Three to four inches of stubble will be left after harvest of cool season grasses. Five or more inches of stubble will be left after harvest of warm season grasses.
- At least 50% of each field's eligible acres will remain unhayed. **Participants must indicate on the maps provided the estimated locations and acres that will be hayed in each field. These maps will be part of your revised CRP plan for haying activities and must be completed prior to being approved.**
- The CRP participant is responsible for re-establishing, at their own expense, any cover destroyed or damaged as a result of participating in any of these activities
- Participants must request and receive approval from FSA prior to starting these activities. This job sheet revises your existing CRP conservation plan.
- Haying will only be permitted from August 2 to November 9, 2008. Remove bales by November 9, 2008. Perform haying operations as early in the period as possible, to allow for the maximum regrowth time. To minimize potential adverse impacts to wildlife, especially ground nesting birds, consider completing your haying activity prior to September 1.

**I agree to perform CRP Critical Feed Use - Haying according to the conditions defined in the job sheet.**

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## **CRP Plan for Critical Feed Use**

### **Additional Signature Sheet**

USDA rules require that all signers to the CRP contract also sign the Conservation Plan revision which explains the allowable haying or grazing activities for the Critical Feed Use Provisions. FSA will provide you form CRP-1M to obtain signatures for the CRP contract revision. Use this form to document that all contract signers all also aware of the revised CRP plan provisions.

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